REMARKS

In a Decision on Appeal dated May 31, 2006, the rejection of claims 24-34 was reversed, and the rejection of claims 1-4 and 13 was vacated in favor of a new ground of rejection based on Lehner and Raad. In response thereto, claims 1-4, 13 and 21-23 are being canceled, claim 24 is being amended, and claims 35 and 36 are being added.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

By

George R. Repper

Attorney for Applicants

Registration No. 31,414

ROTHWELL, FIGG, ERNST & MANBECK, P.C.

Suite 800, 1425 K Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20005

Telephone: (202)783-6040